

## South Dakota Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

### Project Priority Outcomes for FY2023

The United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service (USDA AMS) and state departments of agriculture collaborated to update the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program Outcomes and Indicators for FY2022 and forward. These can be accessed here:

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/SCBGPPerformanceMeasures.pdf>.

These Outcomes and Indicators are metrics to measure project performance, allowing South Dakota and USDA to evaluate the success of projects the state chooses to fund.

Based on input from partners in the specialty crop industry across the State, the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources is prioritizing three of the USDA AMS Outcomes for proposals funded under the 2023 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program Request for Proposals:

1. Increasing Access to Specialty Crops and Expanding Specialty Crop Production and Distribution
2. Increasing Consumption and Consumer Purchasing of Specialty Crops
3. Improve Environmental Sustainability of Specialty Crops

Proposals are welcome for projects working to accomplish any of the seven AMS outcomes below, and SD DANR welcomes projects that target multiple outcomes and indicators. Projects that meet at least one of South Dakota's three priority areas will receive priority. This is the second consecutive year that South Dakota's specialty crop industry has indicated to DANR that these three project outcomes should be prioritized.

SD DANR will consider projects that address **AT LEAST ONE** of the USDA AMS Outcomes:

1. Increasing Consumption and Consumer Purchasing of Specialty Crops
2. Increasing Access to Specialty Crops and Expanding Specialty Crop Production and Distribution
3. Increase Food Safety Knowledge and Processes
4. Improve Pest and Disease Control Processes
5. Develop New Seed Varieties and Specialty Crops
6. Expand Specialty Crop Research and Development
7. Improve Environmental Sustainability of Specialty Crops